

6 May 1955

2

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY (NIS) COMMITTEE \*

1. Date Established: 13 December 1948
2. Method of Establishment: The NIS Committee was established pursuant to provision of the NIS Standard Instructions which were developed to implement paragraph 1.a of NSCID No. 3, 13 January 1948. The NIS Standard Instructions were approved by the IAC (Memo DCI to Exec. Sec'y., NSC, 13 December 1948), and by the NSC (Memo Actg. Exec. Sec'y., NSC to DCI, 28 December 1948).

3. Terms of Reference: The NIS Standard Instructions prescribe as follows with respect to the composition of the NIS Committee: "The NIS Committee consists of representatives of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Chiefs of the Intelligence Agencies of the Departments of State, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. The representative of the Director of Central Intelligence is ex officio Chairman of the Committee. It also includes an advisory member from the Joint Staff who shall be thoroughly familiar with the basic intelligence requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), keep the JCS informed of the progress of the NIS Program and keep the NIS Committee informed of JCS requirements."

The functions of the NIS Committee are:

- a. Consider and recommends for IAC Agency approval over-all policies for NIS.

\* While the name of this Committee is not classified, information contained in this report about the Committee should be held as classified information.

DOCUMENT  
NO.  
CLASS.  
DATE: 1990

b. Recommends to CIA measures necessary for the coordination of the NIS Program.

c. Establishment of the production and maintenance schedule and the scope and treatment of each NIS to be produced, based on JCS requirements and priorities, in accordance with agency capabilities.

4. Membership

NIS Committee

Central Intelligence Agency - [REDACTED], Chief,  
Basic Intelligence Division,  
OIR -- Chairman

25X1A9a

[REDACTED] Deputy Chief,  
Basic Intelligence Division,  
OIR -- Vice Chairman

25X1A9a

Department of State

Department of the Army

Department of the Navy

Department of the Air Force

5. Standing or ad hoc, and if the latter, its reporting date:

Standing Committee.

6. Title of the Officer whom the Committee advises or to whom it reports:

An annual report on the NIS Program is submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence by the CIA Coordinator of the NIS Program, who serves as Chairman of the NIS Committee. Copies of this report are furnished to the Chiefs of the Intelligence Services of the IAC Agencies (State, Army, Navy, and Air Force).

7. Staff Arrangements: The NIS Committee has no full-time secretarial employees. Minutes of the meetings are recorded by a full-time employee of CIA, who serves as Secretary to the Chairman.
8. Number of Meetings of the Committee itself January 1, 1954 - March 31, 1955: The NIS Committee held 32 meetings from 1 January 1954 to 31 March 1955.
9. Subcommittees: The NIS Committee has no standing subcommittees. Ad hoc subcommittees are set up from time to time to work on specific problems.
10. Comments: (Optional) From its inception the NIS Committee has functioned smoothly, and with excellent cooperation from all member agencies. No change in its composition or operational methods can be envisioned which would be more effective in maintaining NIS control and coordination at the proper administrative level, and assure effectiveness of agency participation in the program.

ORR/CI  
6 May 1955